



**Agenda Item Number: 2008-8-5C**

## **BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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**Meeting Date:** August 12, 2008

**Department:** Infrastructure, Planning & Geo Resources  
**Staff Contact:** Tom Zdunek, DCM for Public Works  
Steve Miller, Department Director  
Mary Murnane, Water Resources Mgr.

**TITLE:** State Appropriation for Regional Water Planning

**ACTION:** Motion to approve Administrative Resolution AR -2008 supporting dedicated and ongoing state funding for updating Regional Water Plans.

### **SUMMARY:**

Regional water planning is an ongoing process that requires continuing support from the state. As this affects Bernalillo County, the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan was accepted by the Interstate Stream Commission (ISC) in 2004. The Estancia Basin Regional Water Plan was accepted by the ISC in 1999. The purpose of both plans is to provide options for balancing water use with renewable supply.

In the years since these plans were completed, additional data has been gathered regarding recharge, water use, and precipitation. Moreover, the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (ABCWUA) will convert to a surface water supply in December 2008. Progress has also been made by local governments and communities to promote water conservation and implement other aspects of the plan.

To support regional water planning statewide, the attached resolution urges the Legislature to appropriate \$400,000 annually to the ISC for water plans to be updated statewide. The ISC would then distribute this funding to at least four regional water-planning entities per year. Over a four-year period, all sixteen regions in the state would be able to update their water plans.

If approved by the Board, the subject resolution will be provided to the Water and Natural Resources Committee of the New Mexico Legislature at their September 18-19, 2008, meeting. The Water Resources Board of the Mid Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) has requested that all member governments of MRCOG consider this resolution.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

1. Administrative Resolution AR -2008

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

No direct or immediate fiscal impact to the County. State funding to the ISC would eventually be distributed to regional water planning areas to update water plans affecting the County. Such updated plans would promote general health and economic security in the region. SG-07/21/08

# **STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY**

## **COUNTY MANAGER**

See summary. I recommend Board approval. TL 7/31/2008

## **DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR PUBLIC WORKS**

With the increased demand for water, planning on a regional basis is critical. I recommend the Commission approve this Resolution. TZ 7/22/08

## **LEGAL**

Approved as to form. Patrick Trujillo, Deputy County Attorney 7/24/08

## **FINANCE**

<b>Budget</b>	Approval of this agenda item will allow the County to urge the State to appropriate annual recurring state funding for an Interstate Stream Commission (ISC) Regional Water Plan, in the amount of \$400,000. Stephanie Manzanares, Financial Services Administrator II 6/22/08
<b>Purchasing</b>	No comment required. Phillip Lee, Purchasing Administrator 7/23/08
<b>Contracts</b>	A Contract Control Number (CCN) will be assigned after Commission approval. Phillip Lee, Purchasing Administrator 7/23/08
<b>Risk Management</b>	No comment required. David A. Baca, Risk Management Director 7/21/08